REMARKS

Claims 1-19 are currently active.

The Examiner has objected to the abstract for its undue length. The abstract has been amended to be under 150 words in length.

The title of the invention has been amended in response to the Examiner's comment that it is not descriptive.

The Examiner has rejected Claims 1-19 as being anticipated by El-Fekih. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection. For anticipation to be found, every element and limitation of a claim must be found in the four corners of a single document. It is respectfully submitted, the generating step, let alone the generating of a first graphical user interface or a second graphical user interface, as found in Claim 1.

The Examiner cites paragraphs 14-21 and 43-48, and figures 15, 18-20 as support for a finding of anticipation of Claim 1. Referring to paragraph 14-21 of El-Fekih, there is taught a service provider and/or the customer may select a service template on which to base a contract, such as a service level agreement. See paragraph 14.

In regard to paragraphs 43-48, various types of modules are taught. These modules such as the Service Contract Manager module 102 are configured to create, remove and maintain information that is associated with a service level agreement. The quality of service manager module 104 may be configured to specify, remove and maintain all quality of service expected results. See paragraph 46. The traffic shaping advisor module may be configured to allow the client to specify or establish the traffic shaping characteristics. See paragraph 47. The VPN topology Manager module 108 may be configured to specify, remove, and maintain the service topology information associated with a service providers VPN. See paragraph 48.

A review of figures 15 and 18-20 simply show very brief flow charts, and specifically do not teach or suggest the limitation of "generating, responsive to said selected one of said plurality of traffic class, said at least one value associated with said at least one required input for said first graphical user interface, and said at least one value associated with said at least one required input for said second graphical user interface, node configuration data, said node configuration data describing how at least one resource in at least one networking device is to be configured to support at least one network service described by said selected one of said plurality of traffic classes, said a least one value associated with said at least one required input for said first graphical user interface," as found in Claim 1.

Furthermore, there is no teaching or suggestion of "generating said first graphical user interface" or "generating said second graphical user interface," as found in Claim 1.

It is respectfully submitted that applicant's claimed invention is a method using a computer system which actually generates the node configuration from limited input information. From the teachings of El-Fekih, it generally is essentially a form that appears on a computer screen the user must input mostly all the information in regard to the critical limitations of applicant's claimed invention. In other words, applicant's claimed invention essentially does all the work while El-Fekih teaches that the user, him or herself, must generate the information which is put into the computer in which to store and maintain the information. Just from the simple title of El-Fekih, that has to do with "managing a service provided by a network" emphasis, it is clear that it is different from applicant's claimed invention which has to do with generating node configuration data itself. Accordingly, these are two distinct inventions, and Claim 1 is not anticipated by El-Fekih.

Claims 2-9 are dependent to parent Claim 1 and are patentable for the reasons Claim 1 is patentable.
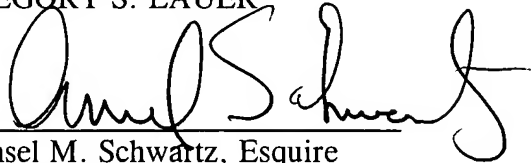
Claim 10 is patentable for the reasons Claim 1 is patentable. Claims 11-18 are dependent to parent Claim 10 and are patentable for the reasons Claim 10 is patentable.

Claim 19 is patentable for the reasons Claim 1 is patentable.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully requested that the outstanding rejections and objections to this application be reconsidered and withdrawn, and Claims 1-19, now in this application be allowed.

Respectfully submitted,

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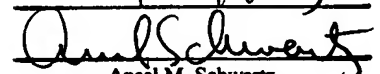Ansel M. Schwartz, Esquire
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